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**COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS GOLMARK ANNOUNCES PILOT PROJECT WITH FOUR FIRMS TO
TURN WOOD FROM STATE LANDS INTO RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Peter Goldmark, Commissioner of Public Lands

(ANNOUNCER)

Washington has literally millions of acres of trees. Many are unhealthy and in over-crowded stands. State Commissioner of Public Lands Peter Goldmark wants to change that. He wants the state to sell tons of poor quality wood and slash left after timber harvests to companies that will turn it into renewable energy.

Goldmark says wood now considered a waste product can support jobs to make renewable energy. Finding a market for that timber also could help improve forest health and reduce the risk of forest fires.

Goldmark, who oversees the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, says DNR has targeted four companies. Each has a project that needs a steady supply of wood biomass. The privately funded projects to generate clean energy and other products from wood will be in the towns of:

- Bingen in Klickitat County.
- Valley and Springdale in Stevens County
- Omak in Okanogan County, and
- Port Angeles

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